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REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer,

FIRE DEPARTMENT

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF TROY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1878.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Amount appropriated for schools in 1877,	$1,056 32

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1877.

District No. 1, William J. Boyden, Committee,	$424 66
" 2, William A. Harris, "	257 98
" 3, Simeon Merrifield, "	109 19
" 4, Webster Corey, "	117 74
" 5, Daniel L. Streeter, "	78 29
" 6, Charles D. Clark, "	66 17
George Damons, school tax paid in Fitzwilliam,	2 29
	$1,056 32

AMOUNT OF MONEY EXPENDED IN 1877.

District No. 1, William J. Boyden, Committee,	$445 00
" 2, William A. Harris, "	232 63
" 3, Simeon Merrifield, "	129 40
" 4, Webster Corey, "	122 58
" 5, Daniel L. Streeter, "	54 00
" 6, Charles D. Clark, "	66 17
George Damons, school tax paid in Fitzwilliam,	2 29
	$1,052 07

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State tax for the year 1877,	$948 00
County tax for the year 1877,	762 79
	$1,710 79

TOWN OFFICERS' PAY FOR 1876.

Edmund Bemis, Selectman,	$70 00
William N. Watson, "	50 00
James R. Stanley, "	57 00

George H. Aldrich and Asa C. Dort, Superintending School Committee,	$58 00
Asa C. Dort, Town Treasurer,	20 00
Henry M. Whittemore, Town Clerk,	20 00
William A. Harris, Tax Collector,	60 00
	$335 00

SUPPORT OF POOR FROM MARCH 1, 1877, TO MARCH 1, 1878.

Paid John Clement, keeping transient paupers,	$22 25
Goods furnished for Joseph Alexander,	90
Edward S. Foster, board Joseph Alexander and wife,	29 29
Mary A. Kendall, board Joseph Kendall,	3 00
Mary M. Whittemore, board Hannah Putney,	52 29
Levi Merrifield, board Caroline Alexander,	105 56
E. P. Kimball, moving Joseph Alexander,	2 00
E. P. Kimball, provisions for transient,	48 88
Walter Elliott, board Jos. Alexander and wife,	208 93
Abel J. Burpee, milk for transients,	2 12
Geo. Switser, for services rendered W. D. Holbrook when sick,	17 94
M. S. Ferguson, M. D., medical services rendered W. D. Holbrook,	23 25
Harriet M. Holbrook, nursing W. D. Holbrook,	15 00
Geo. Brown, board W. D. Holbrook while sick,	40 00
W. D. Holbrook, by order County Commissioners,	5 00
James Stanley, milk for transients,	3 41
Geo. Wilson, nursing Timothy Sullivan,	9 00
Timothy Sullivan, by order Co. Commissioners,	2 50
A. R. Gleason, medical attendance T. Sullivan,	2 50
James L. Stanley, board George Wilson,	6 00
E. P. Kimball, goods delivered Russel R. Hale,	6 88
C. W. Whitney, goods delivered Russel R. Hale,	15 07
Frank E. Fournier, board Jacob Frazier,	10 00
E. & C. Carter, coffin for Russel R. Hale's child,	3 00
C. W. Whitney, goods furnished Russel R. Hale,	14 31
James R. Stanley, " "	81
James R. Stanley, " George M. Hill,	1 78
A. R. Gleason, medical attendance Russel R. Hale's child,	1 50
James R. Stanley, provisions for transient,	2 87
	$656 04

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid William J. Boyden for Hunniman for repairs on fire engine,	$126 25
Jos. F. Capron, repairs on fire engine,	6 85
Firemen, services at fire at E. Buttrick & Co s',	43 38
William J. Boyden, car fare to Boston, and repairs on engine,	17 35
Upham & Co., repairs on fire engine,	1 50
	$195 33

LOCK-UP.

Paid Augustus Hodgkins, making bed-clothes,	$1 50
E. P. Kimball, bedding,	6 47
Ezekiel Starkey, lumber,	1 40
Troy Blanket Mills, 12 blankets,	13 50
A. C. Upham, bed-quilt,	60
William A. Harris, lumber,	18
James R. Stanley, washing bed-clothes,	1 34
	$24 99

Money expended by direction of the Selectmen for the repair of Highways in the year 1877 :—

Paid William N. Watson, for labor on highway, and money paid out for labor,	$177 04
Franklin Woodward, labor on highway, &c.,	9 00
E. P. Kimball & Sons, " "	11 47
James R. Stanley, " "	62 25
Lovel P. Butler, " "	2 47
Oliver P. Whitcomb, labor in 1876,	1 80
" " " 1877,	6 40
Augustus Hodgkins, " "	32 28
Ira M. B. Butler, " "	22 19
Henry Grimes, " "	12 86
Amos Baker, " "	3 00
Eri Felch, " "	14 50
Eri Felch, " 1876,	6 04
Edwards S. Foster, " 1877,	6 40
George Damon, " "	5 19
Gregory Lawrence, " "	4 50
Levi Streeter, " "	7 93
Edwin H. Streeter, " "	2 70
John W. Coulter, " "	18 00

Paid Joseph Mayett, labor in 1877,	$1	25
Charles D. Farrar, " "	15	00
Charles W. Whitney, powder and fuse,		46
Matthew Wilson, for labor, 1877,	6	00
Edmund Bemis, " "	8	32
Webster Corey. " "	12	75
Thomas Tolman, " "	3	00
Elias Farr, " "	3	00
Moses Abair, " "	1	50
William A. Harris, " "	12	77
John T. Leonardson, " "	3	12
Willard White, " "	3	07
Luke Parkhurst, " "	6	00
Daniel J. Fife, " "	9	00
Frank Harvey, " "	12	37
Alva S. Clark, " "	3	75
" " " 1876,		75
Ezekiel Starkey, " "	5	85
Luther Whittemore, " 1877,	64	10
Troy Blanket Mills, " "	60	71
Upham & Co., repairing road tools,	1	46
Luke C. Clark, " "	2	10
Hamilton Parker, " "	5	50
Joseph E. Lawrence, " "	3	00
J. S. Taft, gravel for highway,	10	00
William A. Harris, stone for sluice,		50
James R. Stanley, money p'd for labor on highway,	2	85
David W. Farrar, labor on highway, 1876,	1	49
	$665	19

BRIDGES.

Amount of money expended for building and repairing Bridges:

George A. Nutting, for bridge stringers,	$25	00
Gregory Lawrence, " "	5	40
Alanson Starkey, " "	3	00
Alanson Starkey, stone for bridge in 1876,	1	00
Augustus Hodgkins, labor on bridges,	5	85
Gregory Lawrence, lumber and labor on bridges,	32	65
George W. Brown, lumber for bridges,	25	25
Charles D. Farrar, labor on bridges,	30	70
Edmund Bemis, stringers and labor on bridges,	14	00
Wm. N. Watson, labor and money paid on bridges,	33	00
James R. Stanley, labor on bridges,	41	00

Luther Whittemore, labor and stone for bridge,	$8 56
Troy Blanket Mills, lumber for bridge,	6 62
Oliver P. Whitcomb, bridge stringers,	1 50
M. B. Butler, labor on bridges,	8 25
Wm. N. Watson, lumber for bridge,	1 00
	$242 78

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Gregory Lawrence, over-assessment,	$22 50
John T. Leonardson, tax abated by his request,	3 37
Over-assessment on A. Bemis' wood lot,	1 12
Abatement of Geo. F. Bucklin's tax taxed to Geo. Lane,	2 80
Homer C. Barnard, poll tax, 1877, paid in Mass.,	1 12
Wm. Coulters, " " "	1 12
C. H. C. Gibson, " " "	1 12
Sumner Bemis, " " "	1 12
Russel R. Hale, " " "	1 12
George M. Hill, " " "	1 54
B. F. Harris, dog tax; had no dog,	1 00
Frank A. Dame, " "	1 00
John T. Leonardson, tax for 1874,	3 04
Henry A. Cobb, poll tax, 1875; paid in Swanzey,	1 35
Geo. W. Bemis, " " " Fitzwilliam,	1 35
Hezekiah Hodgkins, " " " "	1 35
Murry W. Leighton, " " " "	1 35
Daniel Hayden, not taxable,	2 38
Joel Hardy, "	4 38
George French, tax for 1875,	3 76
Allen C. Davis, "	3 43
	$61 32

BREAKING ROADS IN THE WINTERS OF 1876, '77 AND '78.

Paid Henry Frazier, breaking roads in 1876,	$6 00
Luke C. Clark, " " and '77,	13 57
Eri J. Spaulding, " " "	3 52
Lovel P. Butler, " " "	5 10
Alanson Starkey, " " "	3 27
John W. Coulter, " "	2 64
David P. Lovel, " " "	8 07
Franklin Woodward, " 1878,	90
Luther Whittemore, " "	2 80

Paid Luke C. Clark, breaking roads in 1878,	$7 50
Moses Abair, " "	9 30
Joseph E. Lawrence, " "	7 42
James R. Stanley, " "	3 30
Reuben Gibson, " "	1 30
William N. Watson, " "	6 60
	$81 29

SEXTON'S SERVICES FOR 1877.

Paid Alanson Starkey, digging graves and attending funerals,	$12 75

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid interest on Alton Blodgett's note,	$120 00
Endorsement on Sarah Haskell's note,	15 00
Endorsement on Maria Wheeler's note,	25 00
Houghton Lawrence, note and interest,	129 12
Endorsement on George Stowell's note,	55 65
Interest on Monadnock Sav. Bank note, Jaffrey,	60 00
Endorsement on Sarah Haskell's note,	15 00
Interest on Alton Blodgett's "	120 00
" Ruth Haskell's "	46 00
" Thomas Wright's "	10 91
Endorsement on Maria Wheeler's "	25 00
" Polly Amidon's "	25 00
" Jotham H. Holt's "	29 50
Interest on Monadnock Sav. Bank note, Jaffrey,	60 00
" Nancy B. Wheeler's note,	6 00
" Ruth Haskell's "	11 25
Endorsement on Geo. Stowell's "	25 00
Interest on School Fund "	24 00
	$802 43

SUNDRIES.

Paid Charles Whitney, material for cleaning the small pox house,	$1 10
Sentinel Printing Co., printing town reports for 1876,	22 00
H. C. Newton, printing road notices, and stationery,	3 08
Silas Cummings, return of births and deaths in 1876 and '77,	2 75
Insurance on town house for five years,	75 00

Paid E. P. Kimball, stationery,	$ 40
E. P. Kimball, repairing hay scales,	50
Geo. Damon, public watering place,	2 00
Gregory Lawrence, wood for town house,	18 00
Edwin H. Streeter, bounty on foxes,	1 50
Ezekiel Starkey, wood for town house,	2 38
Ezekiel Starkey, for use of team by Selectmen,	2 42
Wheeler & Faulkner, attorney services from Jan. 1, 1867, to Jan 1, 1877,	92 25
Discount on checks taken for taxes,	50
Wm. N. Watson, care blank book, bounty on hawks, and repairs on high school room,	12 78
E. P. Kimball & Son, glass and putty for town house,	2 27
Wm. A. Harris, tax bills, stamps, &c.,	3 92
Arthur M. Ingalls, helping dig grave of N. Carter, 1876,	75
B. F. Fox, bounty on fox,	50
James R. Stanley, stationery and check lists,	1 11
Stephen B. Farrer estate, public watering place from 1873–76,	8 00
David W. Farrer, auditing town accounts in 1872 and '75,	4 00
David W. Farrer, for plow broken on highway in 1876,	6 00
Charles W. Whitney, bounty on 10 foxes, killed in Troy,	5 00
Superintending School Committee, for printing school notices,	75
E. P. Kimball, tax bills and postage,	3 26
A. R. Gleason, M. D., record of births and deaths from March 1, 1877, to March 1, '78,	2 75
Balance between interest on taxes and discount allowed for the year 1875,	82 58
	$357 55

RECAPITULATION.

Schooling,	$1,052 07
State and County tax,	1,710 79
Town officers' bills,	335 00
Support of poor,	656 04
Fire Department,	195 33
Repairs of highways,	665 19

Repairing and building bridges,	$242 78
Abatement of taxes,	61 32
Breaking roads,	81 29
Notes and interest paid,	802 43
Sundries,	357 55
Sexton's bills,	12 75
Lock-up,	24 99
	$6,197,53

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

1877.	Asa C. Dort, Town Treasurer, Dr.	
Mar. 14,	Outstanding taxes in the hands of E. P. Kimball, Collector for the year 1875,	$ 914 55
	Outstanding taxes in the hands of William A. Harris, Collector for the year 1876,	546 73
	Outstanding taxes in the hands of Edmund Bemis, Collector for the year 1874,	26 04
	School Fund notes signed by the Selectmen,	400 00
	Cash in treasury,	671 03
April 9,	Received of the County for support of County paupers,	254 93
" 20,	Taxes assessed for the year 1877,	4,238 19
Oct. 17,	Received of the County for support of County paupers,	235 19
Nov. 22,	Cash borrowed of Mrs. Sarah Howe,	300 00
	Received of State Treasurer, railroad dividend,	108 55
	Savings bank tax,	847 35
	Literary fund,	90 73
1878.		
Feb. 25,	Received of Cheshire Railroad for filling and railing road,	29 55
Mar. 1.	Money refunded by George M. Hill,	2 38
"	William A. Harris, interest on taxes of 1876,	12 54
"	Interest on School Fund notes,	24 00

Mar. 1.	Received of James R. Stanley for use of town hall for the years 1876 and 1877,	59 25
"	Received of Edward P. Kimball for use of town scales,	17 60
		$8,778 61

The Treasurer is credited with the following sums :—

Outstanding taxes in the hands of William A. Harris, Collector for the year 1877,	$ 435 70
Outstanding taxes in the hands of E. P. Kimball, Collector for the year 1875,	207 75
Outstanding taxes in the hands of Edmund Bemis, Collector for the year 1874,	6 36
School Fund note signed by the Selectmen,	400 00
By payment of 182 orders of the Selectmen,	6,197 53
Cash in treasury,	1,531 27
	$8,778 61

ASA C. DORT, *Town Treasurer.*

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1878.

Outstanding taxes in the hands of E. P. Kimball, Collector of Taxes for 1875,	$207 75
Outstanding taxes in the hands of Edmund Bemis, Collector for 1874,	6 36
Outstanding taxes in the hands of Wm. A. Harris, Collector for 1877.	435 70
Cash in the Treasury, March 1, 1878,	1,531 27
Due from United States,	1,386 00
Furniture used by Mrs. Hannah Putney,	20 00
Value of hay scales,	300 00
Value of town meadow,	10 00
Due from County for support of poor,	189 85
Value of bridge plank,	40 00
Value of town derrick,	250 00
	$4,376 93

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1878.

Edmund Bemis, guardian,		$ 44 05
Sarah Howe,	note and interest,	304 80
Thomas Wright, heirs,	" "	51 00
Alton Blodgett,	" "	2,058 33
" "	" "	2,113 67
Lucy Harris,	" "	354 24
Nancy B. Wheeler,	" "	100 00
Thomas Wright,	" "	1,035 48
Jotham H. Holt,	" "	507 50
Maria Wheeler,	" "	787 10
Ruth Haskall,	" "	502 50
Sarah Haskall,	" "	420 05
Polly Amidon,	" "	69 84
Monadnock Savings Bank,	" "	2,020 00
School Fund Note,	" "	400 00
Due School District No. 1,		46 19
" " " 2,		38 00
" " " 4,		3 91
" " " 5,		47 13

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

William N. Watson, for services as Selectman, for the year 1877,	$104 00
James R. Stanley, for services as Selectman, for the year 1877,	74 00

Augustus Hodgkins, for services as Selectman, for the year 1877,	64 00
Asa C. Dort, Town Treasurer for the year 1877,	20 00
Henry M. Whittemore, Town Clerk for the year 1877,	——
George H. Aldrich, services as Superintending School Committee,	24 00
Asa C. Dort, services as Superintending School Committee,	24 00
Total Liabilities,	$11,213 79
Assets subtracted,	4,376 93
Indebtedness March 1, 1878,	$6,836 86

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. N. WATSON,
JAMES R. STANLEY.
AUGUSTUS HODGKINS,
Selectmen of Troy.

I have, this second day of March, A. D. 1878, carefully examined and compared the Report of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers.

D. W. FARRAR, *Auditor.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Engineers of the Fire Department of the town of Troy respectfully submit the following Annual Report:—

Your Engineers have caused the Engine and Hose Carriage to be thoroughly repaired and painted the past year, thinking it best to have it done at this time, as the Engine Company donated fifty dollars to the town towards painting the same.

The old crank Engine has been repaired and put in perfect order for use. This we consider a great benefit to the Department, as has been proved by the service done and the amount of property saved by it at the late fire of E. Buttrick & Co's pail shop. The amount saved by this small engine alone was more than enough to pay the whole expense of our Fire Department for the past year.

The expense of our Fire Department the past year has necessarily been large: for repairs on both Engines and painting there has been expended the sum of one hundred and forty-three dollars and thirty-five cents for the Department the past year.

We would say that we have two Engines, sufficient Hose for the present, Fire Hook, Ladders, and a Sled for the use of the Department, and they are all in good order; and we do not see where the Department will be of much expense to the town for a number of years to come.

W. J. BOYDEN, *Chief Engineer.*

Troy, N. H., Feb. 21, 1878.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Superintending School Committee respectfully submit the following Report of the Schools in the town of Troy, for the year ending March 1, 1878:—

The several Districts have been fortunate in selecting for Prudential Committees, men who feel a deep interest in the welfare of our schools, and who have sought and secured the best of teachers. Consequently as we look over the work of the year we find a decided advance has been gained in scholarship by all our children.

The average attendance in the schools stands much the same as last year, but in some Districts punctuality has gained ground. We still urge upon parents and all interested the importance of having their children at school *every day* during the term, and at nine A. M., and one o'clock P. M.

We are pleased to note the large list of visitors shown in the several registers; this indicates not only a general interest in schools, but tact on part of teacher in varying the exercises so as to make them of interest to visitors. We fear parents do not fully realize how much frequent visits to the schoolroom encourage both teacher and pupil.

The new series of Readers introduced has much increased the interest in that branch. Arithmetic, mental and written, also higher Mathematics (in some schools) have received great attention; let teachers see to it that no rule in these branches be passed over till thoroughly understood. Vocal music has been practiced with very favorable results, and we recommend it in the future.

Our school houses have received but little attention in the

way of repairs during the year; much might be done to beautify the rooms and add to the comfort of the pupils.

District No. 1.—Wm. J. Boyden, Prudential Committee. The Summer and Winter Terms were taught by Mrs. L. B. Wright. The Summer Term continued ten weeks. Number of scholars, seventy; average attendance, sixty-four. The Winter Term continued twelve weeks. Number of scholars, forty-four; average attendance, thirty-seven. Under the wise management and accurate teaching of Mrs. Wright, great progress was manifest at the final examination.

The school for scholars under ten years was divided into two terms of ten and four weeks, both taught by Miss Jennie Newton, with marked success. Number of scholars, thirty-seven; average attendance, thirty.

District No. 2.—Wm. H. Harris, Prudential Committee. The Summer Term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Nellie L. Richardson, of Marlboro', an excellent teacher, under whose direction a change for the better was at once observed in order, discipline and the attention given to study. Number of scholars, forty-two; average attendance, thirty-five.

The Winter Term of sixteen weeks was taught by Miss Julia A. Blanding, of Swanzey. In the closing examination it was manifest that the school had been under the care of a good teacher, and the pupils had made wise improvement of their time. Number of scholars, thirty-seven; average attendance, twenty-six.

District No. 3.—Simeon Merrifield, Prudential Committee. Both terms of this school, embracing nineteen weeks, were taught by Miss Jennie G. Clark. Miss Clark has excellent qualifications, and under her direction the scholars made great improvement.

District No. 4.—Webster Corey, Prudential Committee. The Summer Term of seven weeks, was under the instruction of Miss Belle Watson, who had taught several terms in other Districts with good success. But owing to insubordination and lack of interest on the part of pupils, the school did not meet

the expectations of those interested, yet the closing exercises were good. Number of scholars, twenty-one; average attendance, twenty.

The Winter Term of eleven weeks, was under the care of Miss Augusta Pierce of Chesterfield; a teacher of large experience and superior ability. This school, under her judicious management and thorough instruction, made good progress. Order prevailed, and the closing examination was satisfactory. Whole number of scholars, thirty-two; average attendance, twenty-nine.

District No. 5.—Daniel Streeter, Prudential Committee. In this District there was but one term of nine weeks, taught by Miss Cora R. Due of Marlboro', with marked success. Whole number of scholars, eight; average attendance, seven.

District No. 6.—Charles D. Clark, Prudential Committee. This school was kept in one continuous term of fourteen weeks, by Miss Ella Watson, one of our best instructors. Good progress was manifest at the final examination. Whole number of scholars, five; average attendance, five.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Our High School, under the direction of Mrs. Louisa B. Wright, we are happy to say, has been fully up to its previous standard. We recommend all who can, to make use of its advantages the coming year.

STATISTICS OF SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Number of District.	1.	F.T.	2.	3.	4.	5.	High Sch.
Whole number of pupils,	70	38	42	24	21	8	49
Average attendance,	64	30	35	20	20	7	36
Males,	27	17	24	14	11	5	23
Females,	43	21	18	10	10	3	26
Length of school in weeks,	10	14	10	8	7	9	10
Wages of teacher per month,	$48	$28	$32	$22	$24	$24	$60
Absence of pupils in days,	303	89	326	155	52	25	
No. of children in Dist. between 5 & 15 yrs. not attending school	2	0	0	0	0	1	
Tardiness,	4	7	13	5	5	9	
No. pupils not absent half a day,	27	8	7	3	13	4	
Number not tardy,	66	31	33	20	16	4	
Number of dismissals,	0	2	19	0	0	1	
No. of visits by citizens,	72	79	22	20	49	13	38
No. of visits by S. S. Committee,	5	3	3	1	3	3	
No. of visits by Prud. Committee,	2	2	3	1	1	0	
No. visits by High Sch. Committee,							3

STATISTICS OF WINTER SCHOOLS.

Number of District.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	High Sch.
Whole number of pupils,	44	37	18	32		5	35
Average attendance,	37	26	15	29		5	21
Males,	23	21	11	18		2	18
Females,	21	16	7	14		3	17
Length of school in weeks,	12	16	11	11		14	10
Wages of teacher per month,	$52	$32	$26	$28		$24	$60
Absence of pupils in days,	399	872	196	169		26	
No. of children in Dist. between 5 & 15 yrs. not attending school	0	0	1	0		0	
Tardiness,	7	43	0	0		27	
No. pupils not absent half a day,	9	4	3	11		2	
Number not tardy,	39	22	18	0		1	
Number of dismissals,	0	0	0	2		0	
Number of visits by citizens,	52	40	25	47		32	15
No. of visits by S. S. Committee,	2	4	2	3		2	
No. of visits by Prud. Committee,	2	3	1	1		1	
No. visits by High Sch. Committee,							2

G. H. ALDRICH,
ASA C. DORT,
Supt. School Committee.